

Regulations Pertaining to the Service of Public Officials  
July 30, 1887 Imperial Ordinance No. 39

We approve and sanction a revision of the Regulations Pertaining to the Service of Public Officials, and hereby cause the same to be promulgated. (Countersigned by the Prime Minister).

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Art. 1 All public officials should be first of all diligently loyal to His Majesty and to His Majesty's Government, and should perform their respective duties in conformity with the laws and ordinances.

Art. 2 As to their duties, public officials must observe the orders of their office chief; they may, however, express their opinion concerning those orders.

Art. 3 Public officials must hold honor high, and are forbidden from any avaricious act regardless of whether they are on or off duty. Public officials should officially and non-officially exert themselves so as not to abuse their power, and to be prudent and kind.

Art. 4 Public officials are forbidden from divulging any official secrets no matter whether they concern their own duty or have been heard from some other official. This applies equally after their retirement. When a public official is summoned into court as a witness or an expert witness and is questioned concerning official secrets, he may testify only about matters sanctioned by his office chief.

Art. 5 Public officials are forbidden to show those concerned privately documents which have not been officially issued yet.

Art. 6 Public officials may not leave their duties nor their place of employment at will without the permission of the office chief.

Art. 7 Public officials may not become presidents nor directors of commercial concerns unless they have permission of their office chief.

Art. 8 Public officials may not in connection with their duties receive, directly or indirectly, any gift from others whether it be in acknowledgement of services, remuneration, or for any other reason, unless they have permission of their office chief. His Majesty's approval is required when public officials receive a decoration, grant, salary or gift given by the sovereign or government of a foreign country.

Art. 9 Public officials whose duties give them direct connection with the persons hereinafter enumerated may not be banqueted by them:

1. Those who contract for the construction work of government offices.
2. Those who are responsible for exchange and accounts of government offices.
3. Entrepreneurs subsidized by government offices.
4. Those who supply the equipment for government offices.
5. Those who make various contracts with government offices.

Art. 10 Those who are senior public officials may not, either officially or non-officially, receive presents from their subordinates.

Art. 11 Public officials and their families may not engage in trade, either directly or indirectly, unless they have permission of their office chief.

Art. 12 Public officials may not be members of securities and commodities exchange corporations nor have indirect connection with like speculative concerns.

Art. 13 Public officials may not engage for remuneration in work outside their regular duties, unless they have permission of their office chief.

Art. 14 Bankruptcy and the incurrence of debt beyond one's means shall be considered reprehensible.

Art. 15 Public officials may not receive free tickets or free passes from private mail steamship lines or from private railway companies.

Art. 16 The directors of bureaus, heads of offices, and other chiefs of sections shall endeavor to superintend public officials under their jurisdiction and to admonish them where their negligence is outside the limit of disciplinary measures. In case disciplinary measures are deemed necessary, notice, in detail, shall be given to the competent office chief. To conceal and ignore the facts despite awareness of them shall also be considered reprehensible.

Art. 17 These Regulations shall apply to Higher Civil Service officials, to officials of HANNIN rank, and to those who are engaged in public services for remuneration.



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